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1. On 10 November 1953, the Artillerie Kaserne in Perleberg was heavily occupied. About 30 unarmed soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets left the installation toward Wittenberge on 8 November and another 30 soldiers on 10 November. T-34/35 tank [] left the installation toward Wittenberge on 31 October. Motor vehicles seen at the installation []

2. On 10 November, the officers billets on Quitzow Strasse were occupied 50 percent.

3. On 13 November, the Artillerie Kaserne was heavily occupied. Supply officer Colonel Kusnetsov (fnu) and a captain who served as his assistant were at the installation. Between 60 and 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with entrenching tools almost daily left the installation for the training grounds south of Perleberg during the period from 30 October to 30 November. They usually returned at 2:30 p.m. A unit wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia was also located at the installation. One truck with trailer loaded with signal equipment was repeatedly seen leaving the installation. [] the officers billets pertaining to the installation were located on Karl Achter Strasse, Kurmaerker Strasse, Ulanen Strasse and Gertrud Strasse. In early November, officers from the Artillerie Kaserne contacted the burgomaster in Perleberg and the chief of the county administration and requested that the civilian apartments on Artillerie Strasse be evacuated. They stated that 54 officers' families would arrive in Perleberg from the USSR before 1 January 1954.

4. On 13 November, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne was heavily occupied. [] Kramitov (fnu) who was relieved by Syomin (fnu) had always been Kech officer and never was unit commander or supply officer.

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[redacted] the installations reported in conjunction with Khamitov had been under Khamitov's control only with regard to construction work. Lieutenant Colonel Vasilyev (fnu) was supply officer, rather than unit commander. General Kozikov (fnu) was still at the installation. Lieutenant Colonel Okulov (fnu) probably was chief of staff. Major Zorokin (fnu) was also at the installation. Construction work executed at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne from 30 October to 13 November which had to be completed by 1 December included the conversion of the shed in the western section of the installation into a gymnasium, motion picture theatre and club rooms; work on the officers billets east of the quarters of the Vasilyev Unit and the conversion into quarters of the old wooden building west of the club building. [redacted]

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[redacted] officers at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne had contacted the burgomaster and the chief of the county administration for the evacuation of civilian dwellings at the station square and on Immelmann Strasse.

5. From 30 October to 13 November, the MVD Perleberg occupied two double houses on Franz Grunik Strasse. The basement of the northern building which was specially guarded and was surrounded by a wooden fence was furnished with detention rooms and bunkers.
6. The Perleberg branch of the Wiroba Company which was in charge of supply of the unit [redacted] located on Immelmann Strasse.
7. On 11 November, an undetermined number of flatcars with sidetracks carrying about 13 or 14 new trucks coupled to a freight train passed through Perleberg, coming from the direction of Pritzwalk and proceeding toward Wittenberge.
8. The special construction bureau in Perleberg which was still under the control of Kech Stendal was scheduled to be attached again to the Schwerin office not later than 1 January 1954. This change was [redacted] previously planned for 1 November.

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[redacted] Comment. As compared with observations in late October, the two installations still seemed to quarter units of the 18th Mecz Div except for those elements in battalion strength which are employed in Wittstock.

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[redacted] the present report reiterated previous information which indicated General Kozikov as commanding officer of the division mentioned and Lieutenant Colonel Okulov as his chief of staff. The latter officer was previously reported as a colonel. Information on officers' families arriving in East Germany from the USSR and resulting difficulties regarding the living space was previously received [redacted]

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